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"had incurred the hatred of the CIA as a result of his attempt to clip their powers."

"I do," replied Prouty. "And I think there are other people who feel that there was a very very strong feeling between Kennedy and perhaps Bobby Kennedy and the CIA and that this carried over from these documents, from his real discouragement with the CIA..."

"I think he (Kennedy) reacted strongly to the defeat at the Bay of Pigs and moved against the CIA to control them," Prouty said.

MacKenzie then asked Prouty how the CIA "could have possibly gotten away with the violation of a document signed by the president?"

Said Prouty: "I think this is a lot of the explanation. There must have been some pretty violent meetings in there between June of '61 because to my knowledge the documents were never retracted."

"Do you think the fate of President Kennedy could be in any way related to this," asked MacKenzie.

"I've heard many people mention that, and it's a possibility," Prouty answered. "I'm not satisfied that the present explanation is right."

"You mean the Oswald explanation?" asked MacKenzie.

"I don't think Oswald by himself killed President Kennedy," Prouty said.

Prouty also said ranking defense leaders were "bypassed" by CIA operatives.

Citing The New York Times articles on the Pentagon papers, Prouty said the names of Gen. Lyman Lemnitzer, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1960-62, and Admiral Arleigh Burke, chief of naval operations anlz$ fx other top gemerals—key men in our staff —never appear in the documents, never appear in the meeting minutes, never appear in an yof the planning conferences of this Vietnam buildup.

"I would say there's no other positive effort, nothing so solid as this for proof that there basic military elements were not considered in this area," he said.

Prouty said that when former Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara went to Vietnam on a fact-finding mission in December, 1963, he received a briefing prepared in Washington, instead of the field.

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'CIA Hated Kennedy'

Ex-Pentagon Man: 'Oswald Wasn't Alone'

LONDON (UPI)—A former Pentagon liaison officer with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) said Friday president Kennedy engendered the hate of the CIA by trying to curb the agency's power.

He also said he did not think Lee Harvey Oswald "by himself killed President Kennedy" in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

L. Fletcher Prouty, a retired U.S. Air Force colonel and the director of special operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1962 and 1963, said Kennedy issued two directives in 1961 to limit the CIA's power but the documents never surfaced and were not implemented.

Prouty, interviewed by the British Broadcasting Corp. (BBC), said Kennedy issued two national security memorandums, in 1961 after the investigation of the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion.

"One of them he signed personally, explicitly stating that any operational activity of a clandestine nature would be either so small that CIA agents alone could operate it, or it would be referred to the J.C.S. (Joint Chiefs of Staff) "rathe than permitting the CIA to mount something as large as the Bay of Pigs again," Pouty said.

Prouty, now a Washington, D.C., banker, said he had handled the documents personally.

"For some strange reason, although they were issued and signed by the president, there was no implementation of them," he said.

The BBC interviewer, Robert MacKenzie, asked Prouty whether he thought Kennedy

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